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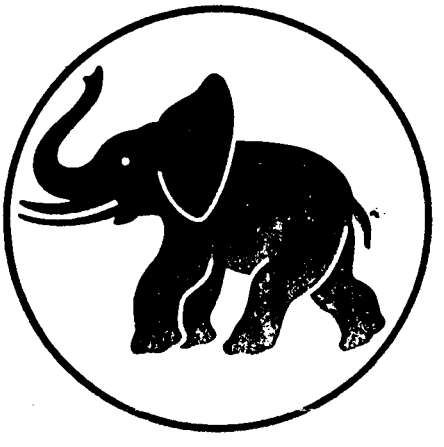

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The new METZELER Trial C

This is the face of the new METZELER Trial C tire. The tandem saw-tooth lugs in the shoulder area have firmly gripping edges for better directional control and safe slope-traversing capacity.

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EDITORIAL:

I wrote to Paul Lagan a couple of weeks back and got back a scree on information on the Aussie Scene. Paul is the Current Aust Greybeards Champion and is Editor of the Observer the Trials Mag in Australia.

His mag is really great and keeps you up with the information in Aussie. Also in the Mag are price lists of Trials acessories and second hand bikes. Parts for bikes not available in NZ are also available as are the results of Trials and up comming events.

Pauls address is below; the cost is $10.00 for five eissues per year sent Air Mail. Pay Paul 10 dollars in a Cheque (NZ) as he has a NZ bank account to pay it into (no need for Aussie currency)

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Well, negotiations are well under way and we hope to have several riders competing in Australia in August. Paul symons is getting the travel arrangements organised for the bikes and sounds very positive about cheaper rates for bulk shipping (air Freight). There are about seven certain starters and anyone wishing to go over should contact me as soon as possible.

I would also like the guys who stated they will be going to write and confirm this officially so that everything can be sorted out with the ACU. Please do this as soon as possible. G.

You don't have to be a top rider to go, in fact, you will probably have a much more enjoyable time without the strain of representing New Zealand and believe it or not, the average Aussie is a great person and you can gaurantee plenty of help over there.

We also want to make a few extra riders available as standby for the proposed second team.

Write if you are interested

It has come to my notice that many clubs holding National type events advertising them as having three grades seem to be defeating the idea that the three grades were formulated from.

Expert: the Top Riders
Intermediate: Sections requiring average skill to clean
Clubmans: Sections that should be eaisily acessable and very easy to ride. No danger spots and very seldom should a Clubman winner loose more than 30 - 40 in a Trial.

Many Clubman have complained that the sections are too hard and that they have even had trouble getting to the sections. <u>If you are going to cater for Clubman make sure that you do just that.</u>

North Island Trials Championships Rnds 3 & 4

Manawatu Orion MCC — Easter Weekend

Rnd Three used a new Venue under the shadow of the Ruahine Ranges near Woodville. 16 Sections were ridden three times and ranged from Tree Roots, Steep Climbs, Muddy Banks and Rocky Streams.
Section 4 proved the killer for the Experts and Dean Clement shone with a single dab each time when nearly everyone else stopped at least twice. It seems those SWMs can climb well. Andrew was consistantly in the low scores and eventually came second to his younger brother. Malcolm Pinfold and Andrew Hamer fought outthe Intermediate class & finally had to go to a count back on cleans which Malcolm narrowly won. Phillips was the star of the Clubmans Class which ended up a cake walk for Russell who ended with a 34 Pt Margin.

Results:

Experts		Intermediate		Clubman	
D Clement	100	M Pinfold	118	P Phillips	66
A Clement	102	A Hamer	118	B Hislop	100
S Ace	105	J March	124	T Forde	116
P Symons	106	D Baker	124	M Hone	116
M Vincent	110	P McLeod	133	B McLeod	118
K Pinfold	112	W Hill	137	S Wilson	123
M Given	127	G Lassen	142	T Nuku	125
R Skinner	138	M Sidebotham	143	P Ladyman	131
C Harris	152	N Abrahams	144	R Hapuku	138
W Merriman	164	D Tombs	147	S Butler	149

Rnd Four was held in the old favourite Shannon Venue. A further 16 Sections ridden 3 times used the notorious Shannon rocky guts and climbs with the odd tree root section at the lower end of the property. Andrew Clement turned the tables on his brother Dean to make it a double-double for the Taranaki Brothers who seem destined to be the Lampkins of the New Zealand Scene.
Malcolm Pinfold once again won the Intermediate Grade with Dereck Baker close on his heels. Tom Nuku recovered from a 7th placing on day one to win the Clubmans class from arch rival Russell Phillips.

Results:

Experts		Intermediate		Clubmans	
A Clement	69	M Pinfold	56	T Nuku	31
D Clement	82	D Baker	70	R Phillips	34
M Vincent	89	P Mcleod	72	B Mcleod	35
K Pinfold	107	M Sidebotham	83	B Hislop	41
S Ace	112	A Hamer	85	S Butler	47
W Merriman	132	W Hill	88	H Shilton	50
R Skinner	132	J March	96	M Hone	54
M Given	142	N Abrahams	97	T Forde	57
K Bishop	143	A VanWorkum	102	P Ladyman	62
C Harris	147	J Lawton	106	S Wilson	64

Seen in wellington recently; a shiny nickel plated, Renolds 531 framed, Chrome and Yellow tanked, Beamish Suzuki. This Apparition has red anodised wheels and a (reputedly) highly worked motor so competitive that its rider hasn't even been turning up at the events. Roumered to belong to Warrick Young; is he about to make a comeback or is it just some figment of his imagination. Don't worry Warrick, I will soon be down to see. (ed)

HAS THE NEW SYSTEM TEETHING PROBLEMS ?

By now most clubs must have run a trial or two using the three tier system of working out sections. Without exception I have nothing but praise for a method of running an event which caters for riders of all abilities. The N.T.G.events around Auckland have doubled there entries and faces we haven't seen for years are turning up again now they know there is a grade suitable for them to compete in. Fantastic, great! just the shot in the arm trials needed. But as with all new ideas lumps have to be ironed out.

Organizors attitudes

The biggest obstacle seems the inability of some trials organizors to lay out suitable sections for clubman grades. The old cry of "it's too bloody hard" should never be heard from riders who have come to enjoy themselves on easy, hassle free sections. The whole point of the grading system is if a person finds the sections boring and easy he has only to move into the next grade for the following trial. No problem, as long as trials organizors remember -Make clubmans grade a starting point for the young and a social occasion for others. The clubmans sections should be no harder than an expert can clean on a Harley Davidson Electra Glide !!

This rule of thumb should cover trials from the humble Club event to any National, and I hope it should eliminate nasty incidents like a well known and well respected Tauranga rider, organizor riding socially in clubmans at a recent N.I.Championship round being told to Fxxx off out of it if he couldn't stand the pace. That was said by the organizor and protest committee member of the event after the rider mentioned he couldn't get to the sections let alone ride them. Too many repetitions of that behaviour and we can say goodbye to the backbone of our clubman grade.

Route maps

The five pages of foolscap that Ray Skinner first submitted have only slightly been altered after being aired and approved at the last A.C.U. conference. White has been changed to blue and intermediates ride to yellow ! Now that might appear double dutch to you but not half as confusing as some section marking has been to me just lately.

Though most clubs seem to be using the three grade system their interpretation on how it should be done is varied. What we need now is a definate lead from our National trials coordinator so we all get our act together and get a section making system that a Dunedin rider can understand when he rides in Auckland without having to have it spelt out forhim.

This means organizors are going to have to dig into sacks of markers and throw out all those little bits of cardboard with arrows pointing left for clubman and right for intermediate, burn all those bits of blue and red plastic bags and make sure the markers you have are acceptable anywhere in the country.

How many times have you heard observers arrive at a section not knowing what or who goes where and riders losing their way mid section? I happen to be of only average neanderthal intellect and I wouldn't mind a buck for each time I missed a marker because of confusing section marking.

With the N.Z. Experts and the National 3 Day Trial yet to come a definate interpretation of the 3 grade marking system could only be an advantage to the trials rider.

Mike FitzGerald.

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Montesa 200 - 18 mts old - Good Condition throughout - Proven record $2300.00 ono Warrick Merriman Ph 410095 Tauranga.

Kawasaki KT250 $750.00 Chris Morrison Ph 56605 Wanganui

Montesa 349 (white model) Kevin Pinfold has his for sale and may have even sold it by now. Reckons some whip from CHCH is after it. Get hold of Kevin in Palmerston North or at the Next North Island Round.

May 8 Club Trial Hawkesbay.

Mothers Day set the scene for this Points Trial - Mother Ashton got his present of an incredible score and Paul Symons battled out the lead with Kevin Pinfold. Haden Trumper only just beat Lesley Walch who was a good distance in front of the next place.

Expert:: P Symons 35; K Pinfold 46; W King 74; M Owen 84;
Intermediate:: P Ashton 8; D Beere 75; B Hislop 75; B Walch 79
Clubman:: Haden Trumper 47; L Walch 51; B McGee 74; B Perry 86

5 &6 March Flea Bay Trial Pioneer MCC
This two day event has become something of a Classic for the Pioneer Trials boys. Unusual to find a non Championship Trial held over two days anywhere.

A Grade:: T Cameron 30; M McGibbon 22; F Helps 18; H Dalglish 12; N Stoker 11; K Brown 10; J Selby 6; G anderson 4.
B Grade:: N Smith 27; K Andrews 27; M Baxter 14; R Welch 13; H Barker 13; T Elvin 13; K Curtin10; S Brons 10; K Templeton 5; P Wingrove 2; M Selby 1.

Side Chairs are alive and well in Christchurch with Barry Churshill & Ray Welch most often favourites with the three Chambers and Craig Mackey making up two more outfits. Several more combinations compete on a regular basis and it is hoped that more outfits will be seen in the future.

John Lampkin, as many of you will already know won the American World round thus recording his first Win in the Championships. It seems those Fantics go well in the dry.

The French Round of the World Championships held on 29 May (My Birthday) was won by a Frenchman much to the delight of the home crowd. However, it was not the favourite Lejeune but a new contender to the crown, Thierry Michaud on a 350 SWM who actually tied on 79 pts with Bernie schriber but won on the count back of cleans.

T Michaud 79; B Schrieber 79; T Gorgot 82; P Bertalier 87; E Lejeune 96; J Burgat 107; L Gallach 124; J Descuns 124; F Michaud 124; S Saunders 124.

Scottish Six Days Trial 1983
Lejeune led the first day and looked set to take the Trial he was robbed of last year but Tony Gorgot forged his Montesa into the lead on day two and never looked back while Eddy slipped to third behind Thierry Michaud on his SWM. The top twenty Riders all used fancy 'sticky tyres' and most used two new tyres EACH DAY. What next?

SCOTTISH SIX DAYS RESULT

1.	Tony Gorgot	330	Montesa	94
2.	Thierry Michaud	350	SWM	101
3.	Eddy Lejeune	360	Honda	111
4.	John Lampkin	240	Fantic	130
5.	Yrjo Vesterinen	340	Bultaco	135
6.	Steve Saunders	320	Armstrong	137
7.	Phillipe Bertalmar	350	Italjet	138
8.	John Renolds	350	Bultaco	145
9.	Bern'd Cordonnier	280	SWM	147
10.	Martin Lampkin	350	Montesa	148

MONTESA WINS

WORLD PLACINGS AFTER 6 ROUNDS:

EDDIE LEJEUNE	69	
BERNIE SHREIBER	62	
TONI CORCOT	50	
JILLIES BURGAT	49	
THIERRY MICHAUD	43	HONDA
PHILLIPPE BERTATIER	38	LEADS
JOHN LAMPKIN	28	
BERNARD CORDONNIER	21	

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Late ADD: HONDA TL200R Trials Bike. Fox Shocks, Box Section S/Arm Alloy tank seat unit, Brand new origional Chain and Sprockets. Very competitive - low maintenance four stroke Trials Bike. Pirellis. $1700.00 consider trade on Enduro bike.

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DO IT NOW.

Recent saftey tests have shown that it doesn't matter what kind of helmet you use as long as it is up to minimum standards. Its figured that if you are going to wipe yourself out the price of the helmet won't save you. It is considered however, that a helmet of reasonable saftey standard (all helmets approved by the ACU) are better than no helmet at all.

You should hear those Aussies moan (at least they wear helmets). complaining that $8000 per year is not enough to buy bikes. Well look at theese prices.
TY 175 & 250 $400 each -- yes four hundred
Fantic 200 Brand New $1875 -- Makes you sick.
White 349 Montesa 81 model $950 not the$2950 you would expect here
Blue 350 Bultaco $525.00
Good Tyres $60 New Rear , Michelin, Metzeler, Pirelli not $130
Sidi Trials Boots -$160 not$330
I bet they wouldN'T pay $5200.00 for new SWMs and then buy two

It must be hard having to run the V8 holden Ute to and from Trials on cheap gas, get more pay, and pay less for nearly everything that counts.

WHERE IS THIS C.E.R. WHEN DOES IT START FOR US?

NORTH ISLAND TRIALS CHAMPS Hawkes Bay 4 June 1983

Typical of most events, I did't get the report I asked for has not turned up and it will probably comm next mth but fortunatly, Derek Baker sent me a set of results so I can give those.
Looking at the results is painfull in that the first day was too hard for Intermediate and particularly Clubmen but it seems that by Sunday the Club got its act together the the results proved to be almost Ideal for each grade.

ROUND SEVEN

Expert;		Intermediate;		Clubman;	
P Symons	76	M Pinfold	110	B Hislop	107
A Clement	84	M Owen	126	M Kelson	113
K Pinfold	91	M Leuthard	129	P Walker	113
M Vincent	96	M Sidebotham	135	R Phillips	115
S Ace	97	W Hill	138	T Nuku	116
D Clement	98	D Baker	142	H Shidton	117
C Harris	102	M Collins	144	J Gibbs	121
W McKinley	119	J March	147	D Wood	126
W Merriman	123	A Hall	150	S Butler	128
R Skinner	128	G Lassen	151	T Zohs	131

Tit bit from felicity fondle;

NEW MATHS

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12. Something Missing?
Ask Paul Symons where section 9 got too on lap one at above!
Its Lucky that Mike Vincent got his School Cert Maths
He pointed out that 9 comes between 8 & 10.
We wouldn't have wanted poor 'Ol Paul to have done sect 9 four times, one after the other, now would we!

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ROUND EIGHT

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman	
A Clement	55	M Owen	24	R Phillips	7
S Ace	56	N Leuthard	35	P Walker	23
P Symons	58	K Donovan	36	S Wilson	36
K Pinfold	59	A Hall	40	B Hislop	37
D Clement	79	M Pinfold	40	W Beere	38
C Harris	89	M Collins	41	T Nuku	44
M Vincent	98	L Vickers	44	M Kelson	45
W McKinley	100	J March	44	J Gibbs	56
R Skinner	102	D Baker	47	P Walsh	58
W Merriman	108	G Lassen	57	S Butler	60

FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE

Derek Baker has a service for Trials Riders. For a measly 30 bucks you can have a pair of cromoly handlebars with brace to the same specs as the 200/349 Montesa bends. I personally recccmend this type of steel. It is light and very strong. I actually used crommoly bars on my XR500RC Honda Enduro bike throughout 1982 and with regular crashes, found they stood up the best. The origional bars wouldn't last me one meeting.

Contact Derek Baker at Dave Whitaker Honda
707 N Karamu Road
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News

FACTS AND FIGURES

Bruce Hughey has bought a shiny new 200 Montessa, but I'm not really very jealous. Well maybe a wee bit!!!!

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Nev Guthrie and Ken Curtin have bought new Trials bikes and are making a comeback to Trials. These men are two of the greats of the trials world. Gone are the days of quiet, peaceful, dull Trials. Rumour has it that Peter Chappell intends riding again too. What about Peter Mac. Must be about time he dug out his gumboots.

RAPAKI RESULTS

A GRADE		Points Lost
1st	Tony Cameron	46
2nd=	Philip Roberts	70
2nd=	Malcolm McGibbon	70
2nd=	Bruce Hughey	70
5th	Alister Thomas	77
6th	Alan Honeybone	79
7th	Allan Oliver	81
8th	Hamish Dalgliesh	93
9th	Neil Stocker	100
10th	Vaughan Hampton	101
11=	Mathew Arres	107
11=	Roger Abel	107
13th	Francis Helps	108
14th	John Philp	111
15th	Anthony Wilkins	116
16th	Morris Jones	122
17th	Bruce Gebbie	132
18th	Ken Andrews	141

B GRADE		Points Lost
1st	Shane Brons	16
2nd	Nick Smith	18
3rd	Paul Fewings	44
4th	George Hughey	49
5th	Graham Stewart	51
6th	Derek Scott	66
7th	Russell Gallagher	67
8th=	Justin Ryan	68
8th=	Peter Wingrove	68
10th	Bobo Valentine	72
11th	Evan Norriss	91

SIDECHAIR

1st	B Churchill & R Welch	121
2nd=	B Chambers & B Chambers	143
2nd=	D Chambers & N Jarman	143

NOTES FROM A STREAMBED

by Francis Helps

For those trials riders, including new members who haven't given Jim Brown a hand to set out sections prior to a trial, this is a plea for you to do so. I have set out below a few ideas I have on the subject in order to help you in this task, and also that I might get to ride more of the type of sections I like.

Before putting any pegs in the ground have a good look at the venue to be used. Lookfor an area with a SERIES of natural obstacles such as rocky gullies, rock heaps, logs, bogs, etc rather than try and build a section around a single obstacle.

Plan the course to avoid bottle necks such as sections starting close to the exit of another.

Try for variety in both the type of obstacle and the way sections turn.

The sections must be long(this is so Francis can fit the Monty into them. - Ed.) Give thecompetitors a decent ride for their entry fee. Where there is a good long gully provide one section with subs rather than a series of short disconnected sections, this tests the riders ability to pick and memorise lines.

Pegging

Some courses look like a field of red and white poppies divided by miles of tape. Use the pegs to mark the boundaries of the section, dont make the peg the obstacle. Where possible make nature provide the section boundaries and the tight turns common to Trials. Even in our WORST venue, the Waimak, there are plenty of logs, tree roots, bogs, trees, even gaps between trees to do this. Peg wide sections with several lines, tight nadgery sections while being tests of skill are not complete tests of the Trials Rider.

Most sections should be of an ascending nature, anybody can pull in the clutch and use Mr Newtons law to reach the bottom of a downhill section. Uphill sections offer more lines and test balance, throttle control, and the ability to find traction.

Finally, my PET HATES, drop -offs, and DEEP WATER.
Drop-offs provide the most danger of injury while taking very few points off riders. If they must be used provide a good approach, so that the rider can at least start down under reasonable control, and a run off so that if things go wrong there is a way out, not a rock wall. Deep water only proves which make of bike has strongest conrod crankshaft assembly. Organisers must provide replacement parts and emergency Scuba gear at this type of section

Eight or ten short single line sections require at least ten laps to provide a days riding. The same number of long wide sections with some subs and large obstacles require fewer laps to fill the day while providing a good test of the riders Trials skills.

(THE KAIKOURA TRIAL WILL HAVE GOOD SECTIONS)

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Thanks to Francis for this excellent article. It sounds very logical when you read it, but these rules are broken so often you wonder if the organisers have ever really watched a Trial sometimes.
Three special points Francis has made which are very important are:-

1/ Everyone should help organise events. Please offer your help.
2/ Single obstacle sections are the pits.
3/ Deep water is never enjoyed by any rider with anything betweer. the ears- unless he's got plenty of money.

PYRAMID VALLEY TRIAL.

Expert.

Stephen Oliver	6	points lost	1
Tony Cameron	18	" "	2
Malcolm McGibbon	31	" "	3
Philip Roberts	49	" "	4
Francis Helps	67	" "	5
Alister Thomas	70	" "	6
Allan Oliver	72	" "	7
Anthony Wilkins	90	" "	8

Intermediate

Alan Honeybone	40	points lost	1
Bruce Hughey	42	" "	2
Nick Smith	86	" "	3
Roger Abel	113	" "	4
Shane Brons	187	" "	5

Clubman

Evan Norriss	30	points lost	1
George Hughey	34	" "	2
John Sinclair	45	" "	3
Graham Taylor	47	" "	4
Justin Ryan	47	" "	4
Paul Fewings	50	" "	6
Brian Dalzell	57	" "	7
Peter Wingrove	69	" "	8
Derek Scott	76	" "	9
Russell Gallagher	77	" "	10
Bobo Valentine	85	" "	11
Graham Honeybone	90	" "	12

Sidechair

Barry Churchill Ray Welch	43	points lost	1
Basil Chambers Brian Chambers	60	" "	2
David Chambers John Caney	62	" "	3
Maurits Roos Ross Dalzell	187	" "	4

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Many of you will be aware that I have been transferred to wellington and have to review the costs of the newsletter. I have been in the position to get the majority of the printing at a very cheap rate but won't have the same chance in the Windy City. There is a chance that I can continue with the Mag provided that I can recieve subscriptions for each issue. Depending on the costs and what I can bludge in Wellington, I forsee a cost of arround 50 cents to $1.00 per issue.

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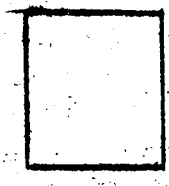

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GARDENING CORNER: By 'Footing Fitz'

Inspecting and doing a bit of 'Gardening' in a tricky Gully section, N.Z.s only FANTIC importer (who shall remain anonymous for tax purposes) was shocked by a rider landing a bloody great boulder right in the path he had chosen to ride. with a quick shuffle of his alpine Stars he booted the offending boulder back up the bank.

'Oi, what do you think you are doing, put that back EXACTLY where you found it.' said a 5' (150 cm) slip of a girl who happened to be holding the Observers board.
Now, looks alone from the aforementioned Trials Rider have been known to humble even National Co Ordinators, but wIthin seconds the offending stone was replaced to the millimetre (½ inch) to where it first fell.
WHO SAID THE RIDERS GET ALL THE FUN!

Now, that should be the end of my gardening ode but alas, the following day in the same NI Round the aforementioned Fantic Affectionardo caught yet again with his elasticated Nylons down.

The first rider through a particularly hard section nearly wiped himself out on a low hanging branch. Enter our gardening hero who without hesitation tore off the offending bow from the weedy looking tree.
In stepped self appointed official who had been doing traffic duty at the section start.
'You can't do that, its against the Rules'
'But, But its dangerous, nearly caused a serious head injury'.
'Thats beside the point, he should have been wearing a helmet and so should you', said the unofficial [redacted] (censored) who was getting redder and more heated.

Exit famous NZ Trials Rider thinking descretion will most probably save the life of another 'Headbanger' from a heart attack and wondering if people really do believe that wearing a helmet magically makes dangerous obstacles disapear.

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While on the subject of helmets, it is encouraging to notice that most wear one now and they certainly do make anything that feels even slightly negative quite acceptable. (A stich in time saves nine)

We have in our midst a new name who will be sure to make a mark on the Northern Trials Area. JOHN STULEN is presently living in pong City in the lower Waikato. John hails from Canada where he rode in the Canadian World round in 1982 and has also competed in the SSDT as well as Pommy Club events.
Watch out for John at future Trials, He will be on a Montesa 200 and I'm sure will be wearing a helmet. WELCOME JOHN

Hamilton MCC recently held a Club Trial on May 1st on Noel Adams Property in a disused Quarry. Ten sections were laid out with the Clubmans proving a little hard but still rideable.
Note in the results, Alistair Grey who is of OSSA fame from the days when Trials Riders were men and not poofta gymnasts Good one Ally.
Experts. M Vincent 21; S Ace 38; W Merriman 38; R Skinner 43; M Given 55; M Fitzgerald 65; A Grey 96; A Sutton 97.
Intermediate: P McLeod 17; W Hill 48; P Martin Snr 65; A Hall 65; R Cox 94; T Rose 96; B Fogden 97; B Abrahams 151.
Clubman; N Mc Cabe 63; B McLeod 77; P Martin Jnr 88; B McDonald 92 G Stocker 110; H Shilton 112; D Shepard 113 R Cassey 120; P Gregan 134 G Cassey 148; B Jackson 150; N Dalton 152; H Anderson 156; B Begbie 157; N Stoker 164; C Hignett 196; G Wendt DNF

Pukekohe MCC Rnd 1 Northern Trials Group Series - Hunua - April 10
The nortmous Hunua Property lived up to its reputation for being slippery and tricky although it didn't rain on the day. 10 Sections ridden 4 times provided a reasonable days riding with the more racy competitors only spending about 2 Hrs in the clod wind. However for me it was to be considerably longer due to a separating Crankshaft. (Must remember not to flog the bike too much this season)

Esperts		Intermediate		Clubman	
M Vincent	16	B Fogden	37	C Smith	40
R Skinner	28	A Sutton	54	B Jackson	48
S Ace	35	R Cox	63	D Manchester	62
M Given	35	G Lassen	77	P Deane	67
M Fitzgerald	52	N Abrahams	79	W White	70
		P Groves	89	V Stewart	78
		B Stewart	101	A Reddie	80
		G Nears	105	N Dalton	85
		B Abrahams	145	M Pepper	98
				J Pickworth	103

Rnd 1 Bay Of Plenty Trials Group: Mr Pamments Farm No 3 Rd TE PUKE
Rnd 1 B.O.P. Real Estate Champs:

A fairly hard for the first round and had everyone earning their placings. Richard Cox reckons in was a boomer at any rate. Sorry no report with the results.

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman	
M Vincent	79	P Mcleod	121	N Reid	45
W Merriman	100	W Hill	126	G Stoker	49
M Given	113	R Cox	138	H Shidton	50
				K Wendt	60
				T Jordan	61
				N Stoker	73
				M Watt	93
				P Ewens	102

Waitemata MCC Club Trial Murawai May 15 (or the Greg Power Cock up)

Trying a new system that doesn't work with the favour of the riders is something that I suggest you don't do unless you have a pride that can withstand a hurricane. Its that sort of abuse that I recieved from the Clubman who were not satisified. However, always being one to take advantage of a situation, I used the old addage that if I was organising the event, I would do damn well what I pleased. (Please note that this can only apply to Club Trials - not Championships) What I did was let the Clubmans ride anywhere so long as they rode the start and finish pegs. This turned out fairly well because the score indicated that it was st ill nigh on near impossible to do a lap for no dabs. I could be said that many clubman lost points because they couldn't pick a line at all even though they had plenty of scope.

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman	
S Ace	34	Bill ogden	73	D Manchester	11
K Miles	69	A Sutton	93	W White	32(47)
M Fitzgerald	98	B Smith	122	B Abrahams	32(42)
		G Lassen	126	L Treweek	60
		D Thorpe	128	A Reddie	62
		P Groves	134	K Coveny	68
		C Smith	140(16)	B Jackson	73
		R Cox	140(14)		
		P Deane	181		

Good to see Grant and Graham Farquhar ride their first Trial although they did't have time to finish, they seemed to realy enjoy themselves.

North Island Trials Championships Rnds & Ixion MCC Wellington May 14 & 15

Rnd Five was held at Paekakariki first used for Nationals in 1975 when Ixion Hosted the Inurgal Experts Trial. The basic River Bed was followed up using sections in and on the banks with the odd excursion into the trees and hillsides. Many of the original sects were used by the organisors but they still provided the necessary difficulty to test the riders.

Results Rnd 5:

A Clement	64	M Pinfold	73	R Phillips	79
P Symons	65	M Owen	81	T Nuku	92
M Vincent	70	A Hamer	84	B Lewis	94
K Pinfold	72	D Baker	92	H Hislop	94
C Harris	86	W Hill	99	J Mead	94
M Given	86	L Vickers	102	R Holden	105
N Harris	88	M Collins	110	S Butler	106
D Clement	97	M Sidebotham	112	B White	115
W Merriman	100	D Tombs	115	P Walsh	127
R Skinner	104	J March	119	J Twiss	135
W King	114	K Tither	139	M Wilde	178

Rnd Six was held at the Waikanae Venue which sports similar types of terrian as Paekakariki except the rocks are a little larger and there is far more scope for the section planning. Andrew Clement couldn't master the sections and fell drasticly from the top placings. Mike Vincent and Kevin Pinfold fought out the top placings with Mike just edgeing out Kevin by one point.
Malcolm Pinfold took yet annother Intermediate Win while Tom Nuku from Hawkes Bay made his trip worthwhile by taking out the ultra competitive Clubmans Class,

Results Rnd 6

Expert		Intermediate		Clubmans	
K Pinfold	42	M Pinfold	68	R Phillips	50
M Vincent	44	M Owen	71	T Nuku	56
D Clement	48	L Vickers	81	B Hislop	71
P Symons	51	J March	83	S Butler	77
R Skinner	52	A Hamer	88	R Holden	87
A Clement	52	M Sidebotham	102	B Lewis	99
N Harris	54	W Hill	103	J Mead	109
C Harris	67	D Baker	103	R Latimer	112
M Given	70	M Collins	108	P Walsh	117
W Merriman	77	D Tombs	110	B White	125

Thanks to Mark Sidebotham and the Ixion MCC who put on a great Trial which proved to be testing and enjoyable. Mark has told me that He will be making a few changes next year which will make the event much more enjoyable. Mark has asked for a system that may bring the Ideas of organisors throughout New Zealand together so that a set of guidelines for Trials can be drawn up for reference purposes.

Seen at the National:

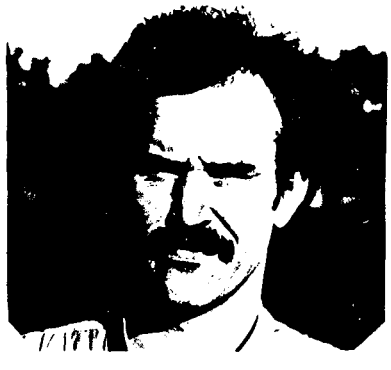
Robert Holden the noted Road Racer, competed in the Clubmans Class with much Credit although many thought that he was best on the access road that was sealed.
Chris Harris and Warrick Merriman debuted their Fantic 200's in a National and Michael Owen fronted proudly on his Montesa 200.

UPPER NORTH ISLAND CALANDER

JUNE:	19	Tauranga MCC Waikato Champs Rnd 2 Harold Shilton Ph 66252 Tauranga
	26	Waitemata MCC NTG Rnd 2 Ihumatoa Mangarere Ray Skinner Ph 480854 Auckland
JULY	3	Hamilton MCC TePahu Club Champs Mike Vincent Ph 7214 TeAwamutu Russel Cassey 74288 Hamilton
	10	PUKEKOHE MCC Puke Cup & Winter Cup Kerry Miles Ph C/- 579149 Auck work hours
	16 & 17	Rnd 9 & 10 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS TARANAKI MOTOR CYCLE CLUB KELVIN BISHOP Ph512719 New Plymouth
	24	Pukekohe MCC NTG Rnd 3 McDonalds Property Murawai Bill Fogden will tell you who is organising Ph 2677453 Auckland
	31	Rotorua MCC Waikato Champs Rnd 3 Warrick Holmes Ph82116 Rotorua (work)
AUGUST:	7	Waitemata MCC Trophy Trial TBA Mike Fitzgerald 8363294 Auckland
	14	Would you believe it - a free weekend for Mum. Don't you Wives and girlfriends say we don't think of you.
	21	Hamilton MCC Club Champs M Vincent 7214 TeAwamutu R Cassey 74288 Hamilton
	28	Waitemata MCC Waikato Champs Rnd 4 and the much awaited for FANTIC EXPERTS TRIAL . Stephensons Quarry RamaRama Shane Ace Organisor C/- 480854 Auckland

SOUTH ISLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE	19	Prices Valley Trial Christchurch Ph Jim Brown Ph495549 CHCH
JULY	2&3	RNDS ONE & TWO SOUTH ISLAND TRIALS CHAMPS NELSON MCC
	10	Free for all
AUGUST	6&7	RNDS THREE & FOUR SOUTH ISLAND TRIALS CHAMPS Otago mcc DUNEDIN



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